the operation. The procedure is said to be free of some of the difficulties of cardiac transplantation in that one does not need a donor supply and the procedure is free of foreign organs and hence there is no rejection and no need for immunos uppressive drugs". This type of surgery is not entirely new and it is known as Dynamic Cardiomy-plasty. This techniques improves the functional class of the heart by 10 per cent to 20 per cent but does not provide full recovery. It is understood that this surgery is being performed at Escort Heart Institute and Research Centre, New Delhi.

Doctors in various Hospitals

8175. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of doctors in the Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital, Shrimati Sucheta Kripalani Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital, Guru Tegh Bahadur Hospital, Govind Ballabh Pant Hospital and Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi during the years 1993-94 and 1994-95, hospital-wise;

(b) what was the number of patients who visited these Hospitals during the said period, hospital-wise; and

(c) what was the number of beds for the patients in these hospitals during the said period, hospital wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) The information in respect of Central Government Hospitals i.e. Smt. Sucheta Kriplani Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital is attached at Annexure. The information in respect of Lok Nayak Jaiprakash Narain Hospital, Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital and Govind Ballabh Pant Hospital is being collected and will be laid on the table of Sabha.

High Levels of Nickel content in Chocolates

8176. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether various popular brands of chocolates in India normally meant for consumption by children were found containing high levels of nickel content;

(b) if so, what is the test assessment of different contents in different brands of chocolates like Cadbury and Amul; and

(c) what steps have been taken and are being taken to bring this product within permissible limits of nickel content?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) As per the studies carried out by the Expert Panel on 'Nickel contents in Indian Chocolates', the values of Nickel content in Indian chocolates are quite comparable to international reported values.

Supply of Inferior Quality of Surgical Gloves

8177. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether surgical gloves supplied to Government hospitals by Government undertakings are reported to be of inferior quality;

(b) whether in view of the cracks noticed in these gloves the surgeons are frustrated to use the gloves;

(c) whether HIV or AIDS patients are being neglected on this account; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) L.H.M.C. and Associated